

STATE OF NEW YORK
LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY
BUFFALO, NEW YORK

**WELCOMING THE IFAMM, INC. AND OES DISTRICT #4
CONFERENCE TO ERIE COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the mission of the International Free & Accepted Modern Masons, Incorporated and Order of the Eastern Star (IFAMM, Inc. and OES) is to form a Christian Fraternal Society with very high ideals about the development of men, women and children, the beliefs of the organization are firmly rooted in the Bible and Christian principles which induce an ethical way of life; and

WHEREAS, IFAMM, Inc. and OES teaches moral, financial, benevolent, and charitable leadership along with service to all mankind, they have engaged in charitable works including clothing drives, food distribution, community clean-ups and health awareness fairs; and

WHEREAS, IFAMM, Inc. and OES believes in the development of young males and females, they have acted on this belief through the use of a curriculum and models of behavior which instill moral principles and encourages building relationships with family and community; and

WHEREAS, IFAMM, Inc. and OES is made up of men, women and children devoted to serving members on a world-wide level, membership districts have been established throughout the U.S.A. and the Caribbean and will soon be in the continent of Africa; and

WHEREAS, IFAMM, Inc. and OES District #4 under the direction of Brother William Artis, Deputy Grand Master and Sister Victoria Houston, Deputy Grand Master will celebrate their local convention in Buffalo, NY on Saturday, August 27, 2016, they will conclude with their annual Noble Rose Victorian Houston International Ball.

NOW, BE IT, THEREFORE

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature pauses in its deliberations to welcome the International Free & Accepted Modern Masons, Incorporated and Order of the Eastern Star District #4 and further acknowledges the important work being done by the organization to enrich our county and community.

Hon. Barbara Miller-Williams
Erie County Legislator, 1st District

Karen M. McCarthy
Clerk of the Erie County Legislature